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SUBJ: IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY

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FOR NEA/EX

1. WE GRATEFUL FOR DEPT'S CONTINUING CONCERN FOR SANAA'S REAL AND INCREASING SECURITY PROBLEMS: PLO ACTIVITIES EXPANDING, ADENI TERRORISM ON UPSURGE LOCALLY AND YAR SECURITY WOEFULLY WEAK. AFTER REVIEW OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS WE FIND FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED STILL UNFUNDED:

PRIORITY 1: FOLLOW VEHICLE FOR COM, FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE, SHORT WHEEL BASE WITH RESERVE POWER FOR SECURITY EMERGENCIES.

PRIORITY 2: CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SYSTEM WITH CAMERAS LOCATED CHANCERY RECEPTION AREA AND FRONT GATE; MONITORS TO BE LOCATED CUTIVE OFFICES AND C&R AREA (SANAA A-13, 6/28/73 AND RSO BEIRUT RECOMMENDATION);

PRIORITY 3: BARBED WIRE FOR EMBASSY COMPOUND WALLS. ESTIMATED COST: DOLS 1,700 (SANAA A-13 AND RSO BEIRUT RECOMMENDATION);

PRIORITY 5: CREATION OF FULL SECURITY GUARD FORCE FOR US MISSION OFFICE BUILDINGS AND ALL MISSION OFF-COMPOUND RESIDENCES. THIS FORCE NOW UNDERMANNED AND BEING FUNDED FROM PRESENT SHARED ALLOTMENT. FULL YEAR

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COST: DOLS 21,500, BALANCE FY 74, DOLS 9,000;

PRIORITY 6: GRATUITIES TO YARG MILITARY GUARDS.
FULL YEAR COST DOLS 2,889, BALANCE FY 74, DOLS 1,200;
PRIORITY 8: PROCUREMENT OF EPABX TELEPHONE SWITCH-
BOARD TO PROVIDE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION TO ALL RESIDENCES
OF MISSION EMPLOYEES AND TIE IN KEY MISSION OFFICES AND
RESIDENCES. AT PRESENT ONLY VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF
EMPLOYEES HAVE TELEPHONES (BEIRUT RCO OM, 11/7/73; AND,
PRIORITY 9: UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SECURITY
GUARDS. ESTIMATED COST: DOLS 1,200, BALANCE FY 74
(SANAA A-13).

2. NEW SECURITY REQUIREMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED
ARE:

PRIORITY 4: INSTALLATION OF CEMENT WALL AND
WOOD/METAL DOOR TO CRU/TCU AREA. THIS WILL REPLACE
PRESENT PLYWOOD WALL AND WOOD DOOR. ESTIMATED
COST: DOLS 600;

PRIORITY 10: BUILDING OF MUD WALL ENCLOSURE FOR
EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NOW LOCATED AT REAR OF
CHANCERY BUILDING. ESTIMATED COST: DOLS 200; AND;

PRIORITY 7: PROCUREMENT OF NEW INCINERATOR TO
REPLACE THAT NOW LOCATED CRU/TCU AREA WHICH MALFUNCTIONING
AND IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIR.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AND HAS CAREFULLY WEIGHED
DEPT'S OFFER OF RSO POSITION. OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT FOR
PRESENT SUCH A FULL-TIME POSITION FOR SANAA DIFFICULT TO
JUSTIFY. WE THINK IT PREFERABLE HAVE RSO POSITION ESTA-
BLISHED IN JIDDA WITH MONTHLY-QUARTERLY COVERAGE FROM
THERE. AS ALTERNATE TO RSO POSITION WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE (3) FSL SECURITY POSITIONS, I.E.
ONE SECURITY GUARD/CHAUFFEUR FOR FOLLOW
CAR, TWO SECURITY GUARD SUPERVISORS. EMBASSY INTENDS
ESTABLISH 24-HOUR SECURITY, COVERAGE WITH GUARD POST,
OF COMPOUND APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE AMBASSADOR
RESIDES. GUARD POST WOULD ALSO ANSWER EMBASSY'S
TELEPHONE AFTER HOURS THUS PROVIDING SOME COMMUNICATION
WITH EMBASSY FROM OUTSIDE WHICH HERETOFORE NON-EXISTENT.
FSL POSITIONS WOULD BE AT FSL-6 LEVEL, DOSL 2,650 PER
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4. IF SECRETARY NOT COMPLETELY TIED TO FULL-TIME RSO
POSITION EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME CREATION OF ADDITIONAL
POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PREFERABLE MALE,
ONE OF WHOSE MAJOR DUTIES WOULD BE SECURITY MATTERS
UNDER DIRECTION OF JIDDA SECURITY OFFICER. ESTIMATED
HOUSING COST: DOLS 4,500 ANNUALLY. FURNISHINGS:
DOLS 5,000 INITIALLY AS NO FURNISHINGS AVAILABLE AT POST.

ALTERNATIVELY, THERE IS NOW AT POST DEPENDENT WIFE OF
FSO WHO CAN BY EMPLOYED AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO AO
AT FSS-9 LEVEL AND WHO COULD RELIEVE AO OF PERSONNEL,
WELFARE AND OTHER ADMIN SERVICES ALLOWING HIM MORE TIME
TO APPLY TO SECURITY FUNCTIONS. NO SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR
BALANCE FY 74 OR NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS.
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